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By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, November 10.th 1770

Your Committee, upon the Complaint of Samuel Luckett of Prince George's County, against John Addison, Esc Sheriff of same County, for the said Addison's executing the Body of said Luckett for ffees, notwithstanding the said Luckett, directed the said Sheriff to execute his Horse; and also for refusing to deliver up to the said Luckett a Crop Note, which he delivered the Sheriff in Security, to save him from Jail until he settled the Affair and paid the Balance that might be justly due, which he tendered to said Addison the same Day in a Transfer Note. Your Committee having heard the Allegations of the said Samuel Luckett, and taken the Depositions of a certain John Brown and John Boon Luckett, hereunto annexed, are of Opinion, that the said Sheriff acted illegally in executing the Body of said Luckett when he offered his Horse to be executed as aforesaid, and also in detaining and refusing to deliver up to said Luckett the Crop Note aforesaid, on the Tender of a Transfer Note by the said Luckett for the Balance of Fees due; but humbly submit the same to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed by Order Ralph Dobinson, Cl.

Which was read and concurred with

The Deposition of John Brown, Brazier, of Prince George's County, being a Person of full Age, and duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, before me the Subscriber, one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County, this ninth Day of November 1770. The said Deponent, on his Oath aforesaid, saith, that in the Time of the last August Court, held for Prince George's County, a Dispute arose between John Addison, Esq; Sheriff of the said County, and Samuel Luckett jun. of the same County, about the Payment of some ffees which the said Addison claimed, as Sheriff, of the said Luckett, and which ffees, to the best of this Deponent's Remembrance, the said Luckett said he had paid, but which fees, this Deponent well remembers, the said Luckett objected to the Payment of: Upon which the said John Addison ordered Michael Lowe, a Deputy Sheriff, who was present, to execute the said Luckett. The said Luckett thereupon pointing his Hand from the Place where they stood, which was between the Court House and M.rs Thompson's Gate, towards the Trees, where many People generally tie their Horses, and where Horses were then standing tied, told the said Addison not to execute him (the said Luckett) there's my Horse, execute him. The said Addison then directed himself to the said Lowe, saying, take Care of him. The said Luckett then pulled out a Pocket Book, took out some Tobacco Notes and opened them, saying, here's Security enough; but this Deponent did not see the said Luckett's Horse, nor does he remember